since been transferred to another Region. The information in respect of officers of Ministries of Industry, Commerce and Finance is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

DA to PSU Employees

4294. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether D. A. Committee appointed by Government to revive the formula for payment of Dearness Allowances to the employees of Central Public Sector Undertakings have since submitted its report;

(b) if so, the salient features of the report;

(c) the reaction of Government thereto; and

(d) if not, the reasons for the delay in submitting the report by the Committee ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Salient features of the Report are enhancement of IDA rate from Rs. 1.65 to Rs. 2.00 per point, mode of payment of arrears, etc. Govt. have accepted the recommendations made by the Committee.

BHEL Bagging Contract in Malaysia

4295. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is fact that Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited has submitted bids for the 500 MW Kapar Power Project in Malaysia and if so, what are the possibilities of BHEL bagging the contract;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a consortium of bidders from Japan has engineered rumours denigrating the technical capabilities of BHEL and also accusing BHEL of paying kickbacks to bag the contract, and if so;

(c) what steps Government propose to counter this disinformation campaign by vested Japanese interests ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) Yes, Sir. Since the price bid has not been opened as yet, the possibilities of bagging the contract cannot be assessed at this stage.

(b) BHEL is not aware of this.

(c) Does not arise.

Booking of Maruti Cars

4296. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of booking orders for Maruti-Zen registered so far;

(b) the amount of deposit money collected in the course of booking;

(c) what is the initial cost of production of the car and what is the likely issue price including taxes per vehicle and the foreign exchange content thereof; and

(d) by when the delivery of the vehicle will commence ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) 73,749 bookings were registered by Maruti Udyog Limited (MUL) for Maruti-Zen between 1-6-1993 and 30-6-1993 when the bookings were held.

(b) The total advance money received by MUL against these bookings is Rs. 184 crores.

(c) It is not in the commercial interest of the Company to disclose the cost of production of Maruti-Zen. The ex-factory price of Zen is Rs. 2.81 lakhs of which excise duty is about Rs. 80,000/- and customs duty in the first year will be about Rs. 74,000/- per car.

(d) Commercial sale of the Zen will commence from October, 1993.

Involvement of Companies in KVIC

4297. DR. JINENDRA KUMAR JAIN :
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI :
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Khadi and